



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) PUBLIC HEARING:
Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 7:00 pm
Live Virtual and In-Person Combination (Hybrid Format)

VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED AT: [CLICK HERE](#)

Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20, as an emergency measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Executive Order allows local and state agencies to hold virtual meetings via teleconference and make meetings accessible electronically despite open meeting requirements in the Bagley-Keene and Brown Acts. The Governor signed this Executive Order in March 2020 and extended it through September 30, 2021.

The LA County CRC is launching a hybrid meeting format where Commissioners can attend either in person or virtually and count toward the quorum.

Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	In Person	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Doreena Wong





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A special thank you was made to the City of El Monte, for hosting this hybrid COI Public Hearing.



AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted with Co-Chair Williams's suggestion that Agenda Item 5 and Item 8 be moved to follow Agenda Item 6 (redistricting presentation) and Item 7 (public testimony).

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL— MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

This is the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to state law, the Commission may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda, except Commissioners or staff members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.





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Public comments made: Christian Trigugros made public comments about a declaration of human rights (1948), involving fundament rights and protection of freedom for all as part of Triggraphix Spirit and Economic Development 2016-2020:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RxSZdc0m7S8FAgyuEGNuMXXuKgqbX5fLdNwhRBcsmwQ/edit?invite=CNDa8l4C#slide=id.g7db9cba1fd5e48a3_0

Public written comments: Public written comments submitted are posted on the LA County CRC website: redistricting.lacounty.gov.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams and Commissioners Priscilla Orpinela-Segura and Doreena Wong provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.

AGENDA ITEM 7: PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) INPUT

A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

The Zone G zip codes include:

91006; 91007; 91008; 91010; 91016; 91024; 91030; 91108; 91702; 91706; 91709; 91710; 91711; 91722; 91723; 91724; 91731; 91732; 91733; 91740; 91741; 91744; 91745; 91746; 91748; 91750; 91754; 91755; 91765; 91766; 91767; 91768; 91770; 91773; 91775; 91776; 91780; 91789; 91790; 91791; 91792; 91801; 91803; 92821; 92823

Although the focus was on Zone F, members of the public from other zip codes were welcomed and made public comment. Attendees were asked to complete the Community of Interest (COI) Google Forms, in lieu of speaker cards. The written and orally presented testimonies the public provided are summarized as COI input during the public hearing and posted on the LA County CRC for ease of access of the public. Individuals interested in learning about the public comments made can either:

- Refer to the COI Google Form summary (posted on the LA County CRC website for this public hearing)
- Listen to the YOUTUBE recording of the public hearing for the oral comments; these comments will be incorporated into the overall summary across public hearings





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Speakers providing public testimony were:

- Henry Fung (SGV, 91722) – San Gabriel Valley (SGV) is currently split into 3 districts: SD1, SD4, SD5. It should be 1 district because of shared issues with air pollution. It's large Asian and Latino populations get along. The eastern boundary should be Claremont and continue west past Whittier and north to the mountains until 2 million residents are achieved. SGV has nothing to do with the Antelope Valley (AV).
- Christian Trigugros displayed his banner, building on his general public comments. He pointed out that the cities, such as El Monte and Whittier, work together with other surrounding cities.
- Diego Rodrigues – Keep Mt. Washington, South Gate, Walnut Park, etc. together. He's with Alma Family Services Master Account.
- Sean Cazares (San Dimas, 91773) – He's with Livable California and United Neighbors. He represents foothills communities that are rural and bedroom communities. San Dimas is similar to Covina, La Verne, and other unincorporated areas and should be compact with SD1.
- Denise Villamil (90042) – Keep NE LA, SGV, Eastside together. Don't fragment them. She's a service provider for youth.
- Yolanda Rodriguez Pena (Azusa, SGV, 91702) – Azusa residents are blue collar workers and Latino. They are not like Claremont or Baldwin Park, who do not understand Azusa's needs.
- Adriana Quinones (Hacienda Heights) – Keep Hacienda Heights and Diamond Bar together in 1 SD. They deal with companies that have contaminated the environment. They want to be with SD 4 (Supervisor Hahn).
- Arturo Jimenez (Pomona, 91767) – Has lived in South Pomona for 45 years, worked at a technical college, and is a school board member. Prefers 1 SD for the SGV. Pomona and Diamond Bar are similar; Claremont is different. South Pomona has a larger Asian population.
- Armando Ng (91754, SD 1) – SGV has many Asians but is divided into 3 SDs. There has never been an Asian Board of Supervisor. There may be a large enough population for an Asian SD.
- Rem Nunez (South Gate) – Keep South Gate, SE LA, NE LA, Highland Park, ELA, Boyle Height, and SGV together. The neediest residents should be in 1 SD because of shared problems (e.g., pandemic). The area extends north to City Terrace and Lincoln Heights and includes La Puente.
- Cesia Romo (SGV) – Keep SGV together (shared needs regarding vaccination and testing sites and other issues)





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- Cynthia Gabaldon (Pomona) – Keep Pomona, Citrus, Diamond Bar, and Monrovia together; like one big family
- Loudes Caracoza (ELA, 90022) – Keep ELA with SD 1; shared needs and need continuous support of progress made
- Sandra Flores (La Puente, 90022) – Keep SGV together with NE LA and SE LA. She’s a student at CSU-LA and a child education advocate.
- Nancy Diaz via QA submission – Pomona: “Thank you for clarifying. I have kids running around making it difficult to speak. I am a resident in City of Pomona. My comment is to further assess City of Pomona due to its inequities in representation, economic, and community resources based on sharing between SGV and Diamond Bar. District 5 (Phillips Ranch division) within Pomona has a large decline in population with second highest earners. Schools are closing. Houses are being removed from the freeway 71 expansion. Access to community services is limited. Redrawing of lines in this area has not been done for over 30 years, so consider further [sic further] assessing.”

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSENT ITEMS (RE-ORDERED FROM THE AGENDA – DISCUSSED AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING)

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the LA County CRC Executive Director to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a Commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

The Commissioners discussed the July 28, 2021, Draft LA County CRC Minutes of the of the regular meeting and public hearing. Commissioner David Holtzman proposed that an exact transcription of his motion be incorporated into the minutes. The Commissioners discussed the suggestion. The Commissioners made a motion to change the language from:

“A motion was made and seconded to authorize ARCBridge to subcontract with Bruce Adelson and Dr. Jonathan Katz to conduct Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) in Los Angeles County.”

to:

“A motion was made and seconded to direct ARCBridge to subcontract with Bruce Adelson and Dr. Jonathan Katz to conduct an “Analysis of Racially Polarized Voting (RPV)” in Los Angeles County.”

The Commissioners approved the amended minutes.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mark Mendoza





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Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Abstain	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Abstain	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

The Commissioners discussed the minutes for the August 7, 2021, LA County CRC public hearing. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioners Brian Stecher and Hailes Soto		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
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AGENDA ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D. (RE-ORDERED FROM THE AGENDA – WAS AGENDA ITEM 10.)

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough reported that Dean Logan, the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, has made it possible for us to have a small blurb about redistricting in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Guide for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Election. This Guide is sent to every household in LA County and **targets the 5.7 million registered voters**. Here is the blurb:

Help Draw the Lines for the Supervisorial Districts for Electing County Board of Supervisors

*The independent Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission is holding Communities of Interest (COI) Public Hearings about how to redraw the supervisorial district lines.
Details at: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/> Help Draw LA County!*

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough outlined the roll out of the training plan and redistricting software for this month, including the timeline. Commissioner Holtzman pointed out that some of the cities may need to be divided





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between supervisorial districts, based on COI input.

Ground rules

- Other than LA City, keep cities and unincorporated areas together as much as possible
- As much as possible, use RDUs (2,300 Tracts plus cities)

Mapping software training

- Week 1: August: ESRI, ARCBridge, Thai, LA County GIS staff
- Week 2: August 11 and 12: Commissioners
- Week 3-4: August: Public, including LA County training and HELP lines in different languages

Racially Polarized Voting update – Bruce Adelson and Jonathan Katz – targeted for August 22, 2021

2 mapping software phases

- Preliminary maps – submit/review September
- Official maps – submit/review October

CRC Commissioner deadlines

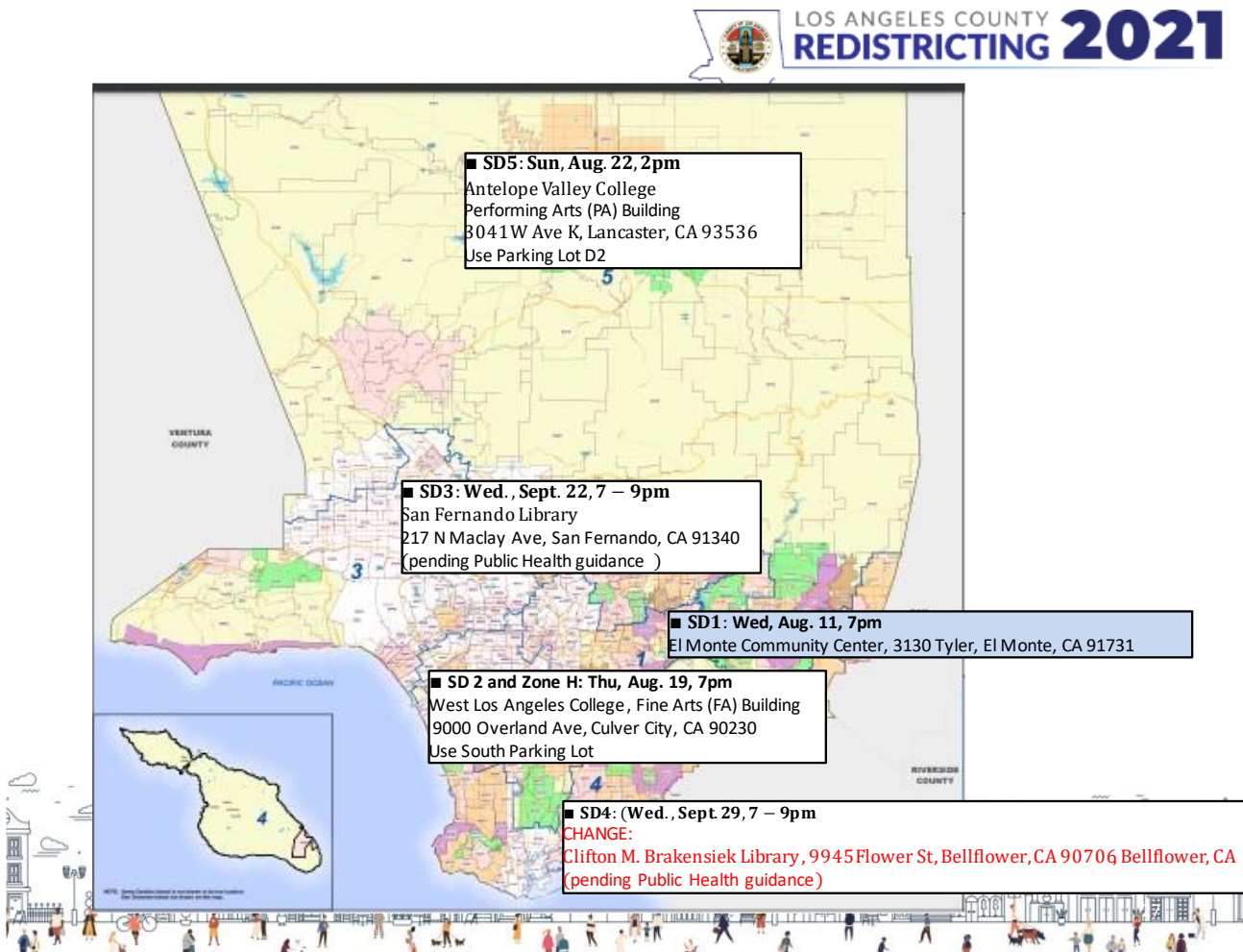
- October last week – Commission draws its map options to be posted for 7 days
- November – at least 2 public hearings 30 days apart
- December 15 – final maps

In addition to the hybrid public hearings scheduled for the 5 SDs, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough was just notified prior to this meeting that a library in Bellflower, CA, will be the site for SD 4. Details of these upcoming public hearings are displayed on this map:





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Commissioner Brian Stecher informed the Commissioners and public about a publication that provides a one-page overview of each of the 88 cities:

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO COMMUNITY PROFILES](#) or go to:
<https://libertypress.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=62703&i=715257&p=3&ver=html5>

City profiles begin on page 42.





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AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

To sign up for receiving future LA County CRC notices, go to: redistricting.lacounty.gov

To submit input to the public hearings, including signing up for speaking before the Commission, go to:
<https://forms.gle/2SDZSxEuKNZ3ZU1KA>

